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HAVANA--CUBA TODAY REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF FIVE PERSONS ALLEGED TO BE INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING PEOPLE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT \$1,000 A HEAD. THE INTERIOR (POLICE) MINISTRY DESCRIBED MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AS "CIA AGENTS," A TERM USUALLY EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO REFER TO POLITICAL ENEMIES OF THE STATE.

ONE OF THE FIVE MEN WAS KILLED WHILE RESISTING ARREST, THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAID. IT IDENTIFIED HIM AS RAMON BRAVO ALCALA. THE OTHER FOUR WERE IDENTIFIED AS ENRIQUE GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ, ALBERTO CONCEPCION BARRERA, JOSE MALCINA VALDES AND FRANCISCO CORDOBA TORMA.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE GROUP WAS SURPRISED BY COAST GUARDSMEN AND STATE SECURITY AGENTS JAN. 1 IN THE ZONE OF DOLORES, IN REMEDIOS COUNTY, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE. ALSO CAPTURED WERE 20 PERSONS IN A GROUP WHO HAD CONTRACTED FOR THE ESCAPE TO MIAMI, THE NOTE SAID.

THE FIVE MEN ARRIVED OFFSHORE IN A LAUNCH AND USED RUBBER LANDING RAFTS TO GET TO THE BEACH, THE GOVERNMENT SAID. IT ADDED THEY USED INFRA-RED FLASHLIGHTS TO SIGNAL PEOPLE ASHORE AND SAID THE MEN CARRIED WEAPONS, SIGNIFYING "AN INFILTRATION GROUP TRAINED AND ORIENTED BY THE CIA, (CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY). CORDOBA TORMA WAS SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED TO BEING A "CIA AGENT."